

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 to 8 and 10 are currently pending. Claim 3 has been canceled and claim 10 is new. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of allowed claim 3. Accordingly, claim 3 has been canceled. The subject matter of new claim 10 is based on Examples 1 to 4. No new matter has been added.

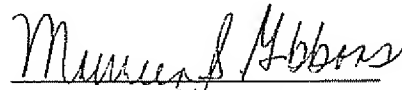
35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Persons, et al. WO 01/070684; Halazy et al., EP 1125925; Chalquest, WO 01/054498; Duan, WO 00/59874; Gabriel et al., US 2001/008901, and Sekiyama et al., US 2002/0133004. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowed claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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